

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
April 14, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

*When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.*

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

“O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig” (BWV 618)  
“O Gott, du frommer Gott”

J.S. Bach  
J. Brahms

#### WELCOME

##### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 118*)

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**ALL: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**  
ONE: This is the gate of the LORD;  
**ALL: The righteous shall enter through it.**  
ONE: The stone that the builders rejected  
**ALL: Has become the cornerstone.**  
ONE: This is the LORD's doing;  
**ALL: It is marvelous in our eyes.**  
ONE: This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
ONE: Hosanna!  
**ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

\*OPENING HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Hymn #235

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#### CALL TO CONFESSION

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**commitment often falters. Please forgive our sins and help us to be firm in our resolve to love and follow you. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) “Lord Have Mercy upon Us”

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.  
**ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “The Gloria Patri”  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

MUSICAL OFFERING “Jesus Paid It All / O Sacred Head” B. Adams  
Jocelyn Strubel, flute

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:6-11 Page #942

SERMON “True Love” Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Prelude on St. Columba” H. Willan

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
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\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

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PRELUDE – *Let us quiet our hearts as we silently prepare to worship*

GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“O God Beyond All Praising”

Hymn #660

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHILDREN’S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

I am the resurrection, and the life,

He who believes in me will never die

I am the resurrection, and the life

He who believes in me will live a new life

I have come to bring the truth

I have come to bring the life

If you believe, then you shall live

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

*THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...*

**Today**    **8:15 am**    **Early Worship Service**  
               **9:30 am**    **Sunday School**  
               **10:30 am**    **Worship Service**  
               **6:00 pm**    **Youth Group**  
               **6:30 pm**    **Service of Praise**

**Monday**    **6:30 pm**    **Women's Bible Study**  
**Tuesday**    **9:30 am**    **Women's Bible Study**  
**Wednesday**    **6:30 pm**    **Bell Rehearsal**  
                           **7:00 pm**    **Officer's Meeting**  
**Thursday**    **6:45 pm**    **Choir Practice**  
**Friday**        **12:00 pm**    **Good Friday Service**  
                           **Church Office Closed**

*FUTURE EVENTS...*

**Sunday**    **04/21**            **Easter Sunday**  
**Monday**    **04/22**            **Gleanings Articles Due**  
**Thursday**    **04/25**    **6:00 pm**    **CrossNet Meal Team**  
                           **6:45 pm**    **Choir Practice**

**NEXT SUNDAY – April 21, 2019**  
**SERMON: "The Great Transaction"**  
**By: Dr. Timothy Witmer**  
**Scripture: Romans 5:12-21**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR APRIL 7, 2019**

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	103	\$4,355.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	185	\$9,570.00

**Amount received for General Fund only    \$13,925.00**

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**  
 Telephone 717-354-7871    Fax 717-355-2565  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS 04/14/19**

*WELCOME VISITORS!! We are happy that you are with us. Our purpose is to share Christ through our ministries. Please sign the visitors' card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Nursery is offered during our 10:30 worship service for children ages three or younger. KINGDOM KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is available for children ages 4-7. They will be dismissed during the 10:30 service "Children's Song".*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

All of our homebound members and also prayers of healing for:

Lee Curley    Laine Eberly    Steve Loewen    Shirley Titus    **John Martin**  
 Barb Carey    Evelyn Griffith    Carolyn Martin    Susan Graybill    Bill Seiple  
 Pat Fieger - son-in-law of the McAbees    Harold Good – brother of Hazel Weaver

\*Names appear on this list when we are given permission to print them.  
 (New names added to the list appear in dark print)

**FLOWERS** this Sunday are given in loving memory of Rebecca Yoder and Mary Kanagy by Lena and Jim Ludwig.

**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from our ushers as you enter the sanctuary.

**SCENT-FREE SEATING** - For those with sensitivity to scents, seating has been designated in the southwestern section of the balcony. Please be respectful of those who have a medical reaction to scents and fragrances.

**OVERFLOW PARKING** is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,** Thank you so much for your faithful prayers for Barbara during this long and ongoing illness. We are leaning on Jesus, trusting in His sovereign will, and remembering daily the wonderful works of Romans 8:28. In Him Bill & Barbara Carey

## Church Activities

**SERVICE OF PRAISE** will take place this evening, April 14 at 6:30 PM to celebrate the completion of the Stained-Glass Window renovation project and the arrival of the refurbished piano. A reception will follow.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** - Join us on Friday, April 19 at 12:00 noon, as St. Stephen holds its annual Good Friday service. Dr. Stuart Sacks will be preaching a sermon entitled: Death on a Friday Afternoon.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** volunteers are needed. Through this important ministry, you have the opportunity to engage children when they are most open to the Gospel. Serving allows you to participate in the mission of the church, and increases your own faith. If you are able to help, please reach out to Faith Titus via email ([ftitus@ststephenpca.org](mailto:ftitus@ststephenpca.org)) or phone 717-408-5220.

Also, new schedules are being made, so if current volunteers need to make any adjustments to their current schedule please contact Faith.

**Creation Museum/Ark Encounter** trip in June. Just a reminder that the final payment is due by April 21st. Make checks payable to Cheryl Weaver. Any questions, 717-354-8704.

**FROZEN SOUP** is again available for you to share with those who are ill, those who are shut-in or just someone that needs a caring touch. Brighten your friends or neighbor's day.

## Community Activities

**MESSIAH SING-A-LONG:** The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Lancaster County Messiah Sing-a-long will be held Friday, April 26 at 7 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA. Clair H. Leaman will be conducting orchestra, soloists and choir. Sing or Listen – Freewill Offering. For more details, see the bulletin board or check the website: [www.messiahsingalong.com](http://www.messiahsingalong.com).

**NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK:** Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. There is currently a great need for the following items:

Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Boxed Potatoes
Boxed Rice	Canned Fruit	Canned Peas
Baked Beans	Canned Chicken	Salad Dressing
Ketchup, Mustard	Jello Gelatin & Pudding	Crackers
Pancake Mix	Pancake Syrup	Paper Towels

Bins for donations are located in the narthex and breezeway. Monetary donations are also welcome via your offering envelope – remember to indicate *Food Bank* on your gift.